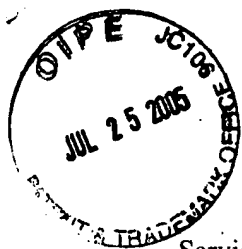


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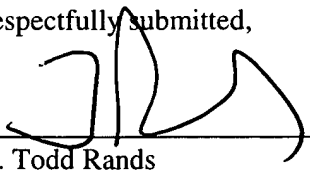
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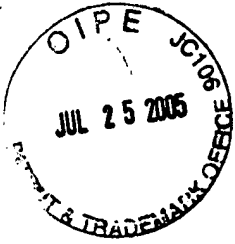
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This paper is filed in response to the Office communication dated June 28, 2005. It is respectfully requested that the election below be entered with traverse and that the application be examined on the merits.

REMARKS

In the action dated June 28, 2005, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 from among the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-33, and 38-39, drawn to a method of detecting a selectable marker gene product in plants, classified in class 424, subclass 9.1, for example.
- II. Claims 34-37, drawn to a kit comprising an antibiotic and a surfactant, classified in class 206, subclass 569, for example.

Applicants elect Group I consisting of Claims 1-33 and 38-39 with traverse and respectfully request that the application be examined on the merits. Applicants believe that it would not create an undue burden on the Examiner to conduct a search encompassing all of the claims. Further, Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications to further prosecute non-elected groups.

Should any questions arise or if Applicants or Applicants' attorney can facilitate the examination of this application, it is respectfully requested that the PTO contact the undersigned attorney.

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